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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

- 1. THE ARMY DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1 APPROVED THIS MESSAGE.
- 2. REFERENCES:
- A. AR 600-20, ARMY COMMAND POLICY, CHAPTER 8, DATED 7 JUNE 2006.
- B. DODD 6495.01, SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM, DATED 6
- C. DODI 6495.02, SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM PROCEDURES, DATED 23 JUNE 2006.
- 3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE ARMY S OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, APRIL 2007.
- 4. THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY IS OBSERVING NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM) IN APRIL, WITH THE DOD THEME STAND UP AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT... MAKE A DIFFERENCE . ARMY LEADERSHIP HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME, IS CONTRARY TO ARMY VALUES, DEGRADES MISSION READINESS, AND HAS NO PLACE IN THE ARMY. DURING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH, THE ARMY WILL REINFORCE THESE POINTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) PROGRAM.
- 5. THE ARMY BELIEVES EVEN ONE SEXUAL ASSAULT IS TOO MANY. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK OPENLY TO THEIR SOLDIERS ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AS ALWAYS, AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES MY INCLUDE PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, CONTESTS, EVENTS, AND SAFETY STAND-DOWN DAYS. COMMANDERS SHOULD ALSO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE RISK ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE STEPS TO PREVENT OR ELIMINATE SEXUAL ASSAULT WITHIN THEIR UNITS. THE UNITED STATES ARMY COMBAT READINESS CENTER (USACRC) WEBSITE CONTAINS AN EXCELLENT WEB PAGE DEVOTED TO APPLYING COMPOSITE RISK MANAGEMENT (CRM) TO SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION. THE LINK TO THIS WEBPAGE CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE GUIDANCE TAB AND OTHER SUB-TAB ON THE USACRC WEBPAGE AT: https://crc.army.mil
- 6. DURING THIS MONTH, COMMANDERS WILL CERTIFY THEIR APPOINTED BRIGADE DEPLOYABLE SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATORS (DSARC) AND BATTALION (2

EACH) UNIT VICTIM ADVOCATES ARE TRAINED TO STANDARD AND INVOLVED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES.

- 7. INSTALLATION COMMANDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR (SARC) FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES. EACH ARMY SARC (INSTALLATION, NATIONAL GUARD JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ARMY RESERVE REGIONAL READINESS COMMAND, AND THEATER) WAS SENT TWO SETS OF MATERIAL: (1) A SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH TOOLKIT FROM THE ARMY FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION COMMAND (FMWRC), AND (2) A SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PACKAGE FROM THE DOD SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM OFFICE (SAPRO). THESE PACKAGES CONTAIN BROCHURES, SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES, NEWS ARTICLES, LETTERS, AND OTHER RESOURCES.
- 8. THE ARMY S SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM WEB SITE, <a href="http://www.sexualassault.army.mil">http://www.sexualassault.army.mil</a>, is another valuable resource. In addition to sexual assault awareness month materials and information, it contains a variety of educational materials, policy documents, lesson plans, and links to other resources for use by leaders and soldiers.
- 9. THE ARMY CONTINUES TO BE A VALUES BASED ORGANIZATION WHERE SOLDIERS MUST TREAT EACH OTHER WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. ELIMINATING SEXUAL ASSAULT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP SOLDIERS SAFE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF UNIT READINESS. ACTIVE LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT IN OBSERVING NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH CAN HELP THE ARMY MOVE EVEN CLOSER TO ELIMINATING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN OUR RANKS.
- 10. THE ARMY G-1 POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS MS. CAROLYN COLLINS, (703) 696-5461, (DSN: 426-5461); CAROLYN.COLLINS@HODA.ARMY.MIL.
- 11. EXPIRATION DATE IS 1 MAY 2007.

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